

SPORTS WRAP-UP



School Athletic Letter

Here we see the crest which symbolizes the highest athletic achievement. Of all the boys participating in school sport activities, only the five with the most points receive this. The athlete must have an all-round standing in sports. A proficiency in one or two sports will not qualify him for this high award. It has been given out in our school for only two years to the best athletes--annually. During the past two years such athletes as Hank Vander Pol, Tony Elliot and Bob Callow have obtained this letter. Bob Callow has had the honour of winning this award both years. To obtain this award, such students as those mentioned above must participate in track and field, volleyball, basketball, badminton, soccer or hockey.

Then they work as referees and advisors for the teams. Thus we see the person who wins one of these crests is a person of outstanding athletic ability who also has a good knowledge of the sports.

Gymnastics and Badminton

Gymnastics and badminton are two very interesting and fast-growing sports in our school. The facilities for both are limited, but will increase as the interest grows. Both sports are quite new to our environment, but their exciting qualities and the ease with which they may be learned make them inviting to many.

In the last two or three years, we have sent representatives to the local badminton tournaments. Although our candidates did very well there, competition at home is what is needed to strengthen the teams which will be sent in the future. Both of last year's winners, Mary Riseborough and Jim Dunbar, who were the WOSSA and District champions, expect a great deal of competition in the approaching play-downs.

Gymnastics is also proving to be very popular. Last year Jim Smith, Tony Smith, Kent McNeil, Bill Ward, and Percy Pickering entertained on two occasions giving very commendable performances considering the short period of practice. Mr. Kolotyliuk hopes to form a gymnastic team which will enter the annual Windsor competitions. With the addition of a trampoline, we shall have all the equipment necessary to have a complete team. If this hope is realized, gymnastics will most certainly surge ahead in importance in the sports curriculum.

Intramural Sports

The Intramural System is the most complicated and exacting activity found within this school. Its inner workings are rarely comprehended by the average onlooker who simply sees a great many people running about in the gymnasium or on the infield of the track. Few people realize that there are many boys and girls who give up countless noon-hours to organize these activities which provide relaxation and enjoyment for the rest of the students.

Intramural, means "within the school", and is divided into three classifications: Junior -- grade 9, Intermediate -- grade 10, and Senior -- grades 11 and 12. The task of running the boys' intramural program falls on the Boys' Athletic Association, where such boys as Bob Stewart and Joe Speed keep the activities moving.

Everyone has the chance to play. While a school team assembles the best players of one particular sport to play other schools the intramural system divides the teams so that there are a few skilled players on each. Therefore, everyone has an equal chance to have a little fun, relaxation, and a chance to practise the skills taught in Physical Education class.

We may conclude that the intramural system is the largest and most important activity within the school. It provides more enjoyment for more students than any other function. Lessons of life such as good sportsmanship, being a good loser as well as a good winner, and, most important of all, learning to work as a team instead of as an individual are all taught through intramural Sports.

